

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) An information system for use in providing information to a user via a communication network, said information system comprising:

a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a communication network, said location-specific input system being implemented with a portable computing device other than a cellular phone, said location-specific input system being further configured to:

receive an input from a user corresponding to a request for information from the communication network,

determine a location of the user by accessing information corresponding to a cellular communication cell within which the user is located, and

enable information corresponding to the input of the user and the location of the user to be provided to the communication network.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The information system of claim 1, wherein said ~~location-sensitive~~ location-specific input system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to receiving the input from the user.

4. (Currently Amended) The information system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said portable computing device is selected from ~~the group consisting of: a phone,~~ a personal digital assistant[[,]] and a laptop.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The information system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the location of the user is determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

7. (Original) The information system of claim 6, wherein said location-specific input system retrieves information corresponding to the current cell of the user by querying a cell phone service provider of the user.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The information system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said location-specific input system includes means for retrieving information corresponding to a current cell of the user.

10. (Currently Amended) An information system for use in providing information to a user via a communication network, said information system comprising:

a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a communication network, said location-specific input system being further configured to receive information via the communication network, determine a location of the user, and prevent information failing to correspond to the location of the user from being provided to the user;

wherein said location-specific input system is implemented with a portable computing device other than a cell phone; and

wherein the location of the user is determined by retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which the user is associated.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The information system of claim 10, wherein the location of the user is determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

13. (Original) The information system of claim 10, wherein said location-specific input system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to receiving the input from the communication network.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]] The information system for use in providing information to a user via a communication network, said information system of claim 10,~~
further comprising:

a location-specific services system configured to communicate with a communication network, said location-specific services system being further configured to receive information from said location-specific input system of the ~~[[a]]~~ user via the communication network, determine a location of the user, and provide information which corresponds to the location of the user to the ~~[[user]]~~ location-specific input system via the communication network.

15. (Original) The information system of claim 14, wherein said location-specific services system is configured to determine the location of the user by retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

16. (Original) The information system of claim 15, wherein said location-specific services system is configured to determine the location of the user by querying a cell phone service provider of the user.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for providing information to a user via a communication network, said method comprising:

providing a portable computing device other than a cell phone;
receiving an input from a user via the portable computing device;
automatically determining a location of the user by retrieving information corresponding to a current cell phone cell with which the user is associated; and

enabling information corresponding to the input of the user and the location of the user to be provided to the communication network via the portable computing device.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein automatically determining a location of the user comprises:

retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein automatically determining a location of the user comprises:

querying a cell phone service provider of the user.

20. – 24. (Canceled)